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SUBJ: EMBASSY SOFIA FIRE ESCAPE CONSTRUCTION

1. DURING RSO VISIT TO SOFIA 5-8 JUNE IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE FIRE ESCAPE HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED AND BULGARIAN CONTRACTOR HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE DATE AS TO WHEN INSTALLATION OF FIRE ESCAPE WILL BEGIN. PSO WILL INFORM RSO IMMEDIATELY UPON CONFIRMATION OF THE ABOVE. WE COULD ANTICIPATE A DELAY; HOWEVER, OPTIMISTICALLY WE FEEL THAT THE PROJECT WILL GET UNDERWAY END OF JULY OR BEGINNING OF AUGUST.
2. BECAUSE OF THE FLUCTUATION OF THE ELECTRIC CURRENT, AFFECTING THE MERCURY VAPOR LIGHTS AT THE REAR OF THE EMBASSY, THE LARGE AREA TO BE KEPT UNDER SURVEILLANCE AND THE UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF BULGARIANS THAT WILL BE USED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, POST WOULD LIKE TO USE A CONSEC TEAM OF TWO SEABEES FOR DAY-TIME ESCORT AND THREE TAD MARINES
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FOR AFTER-HOURS COVERAGE.

3. POST ESTIMATES THAT ENTIRE PROJECT WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH. THE TAD MARINES WILL BE ACCOMMODATED AT THE MARINE HOUSE AND THE SEABEES AT A NEARBY, MODERATELY PRICED HOTEL.
4. WE ARE SORRY THAT A DEFINITE DATE CANNOT BE ESTABLISHED

AT THIS TIME, BUT THE BULGARIAN CONTRACTOR HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO FURNISH MORE DEFINATE INFORMATION. WE WILL ADVISE YOU SOONEST SO THAT THE CONSEC TEAM AND THE TAD MARINES WILL NOT BE SCHEDULED UNTIL ALL OF THE MATERIAL FOR THE FIRE ESCAPE IS ON SITE AND JUST PRIOR TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SCAFFOLDING.

5. BECAUSE OF SEVERAL PENDING PROJECTS, REQUIRING FULL SEABEE SUPPORT AT BUCHAREST, RESIDENT SEABEE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TRAVEL TO SOFIA DURING SUBJECT CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, EXCEPT FOR EMBERENCY PURPOSES.

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